



"In Touch" at Hazel Park First UMC

NEWSLETTER OF THE
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZEL PARK
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Our Mission Statement: *The mission of the First United Methodist Church of Hazel Park is to embrace every generation with the love of Jesus Christ through worship and fellowship that spiritually and physically enriches the individual, the community and the world.*

FROM THE PASTOR: LENT: SACRIFICE OR MERCY?



Hello Saints, I came across an anonymous statement. And though it seems that no one knows who said it, its thoughts are too powerful to just allow them to fall to the way side. They truly touched my heart, and though this is my Pastor's Pen, these thoughts express exactly what I want to share with you.

"This year, instead of giving up something for Lent, I decided to do something worthwhile. For instance, write at least one letter of appreciation every day. Or write to somebody who might be sick or lonely and need a word of encouragement, or maybe just to an old friend I've neglected too long. It occurs to me as I write this even now that I am giving up time, which is so important. And maybe it isn't really a sacrifice to do something I've already found rewarding. But why not turn our 'sacrifices' into something productive for somebody else?"

"Self-denial can make us feel virtuous, but what does it accomplish? Swearing off something you like to eat like sweets means nothing when other people are hungry. Carry those sweets to a rest home, hospital, or children's home. Contribute to a soup kitchen. If you're giving up entertainment, give away your theater tickets, treat somebody to the movies – the list of possibilities is endless. And the blessings boundless." For as Christ himself said, "I desire mercy, and not sacrifice..." (Matthew 9:13, RSV).

God Bless your hearts,

Pastor Frederick Sampson

NEW MINISTRY COMING TO HAZEL PARK FIRST

To better align our church with the needs of the community, we are planning to expand our ministry by reaching out to people experiencing addiction challenges. We will especially be focusing on the friends and family of folks suffering from addiction, and will be actively inviting them to join us in this new outreach.

The new ministry will be known as FIRM (Faith in Recovery Ministry) and will begin soon with a contemporary service in our Fellowship Hall on Saturdays at 12:00 Noon. At a later date, a group discussion on Wednesday evenings will be added.

Pastor Frederick will be assisted by Rob Narducci and Nick Haller with this endeavor. As this project moves forward, please pray for its success and watch for updates in the bulletin and newsletter.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Frederick Sampson III • Music Director: Matt Sarns • Secretary: Marianne Foskett
Organist: Harriet Hardy • Assistants to the Pastor: Nicholas Haller & Robert Narducci



OBITUARY



Theodore "Ted" Foskett

February 3, 1940 - March 15, 2017

Theodore Lee "Ted" Foskett, of Alamogordo, New Mexico, passed away on March 15, 2017.

Ted was born in Columbus, Ohio to Robert H. Foskett and Mildred Irene Raines on February 3, 1940. Ted's family moved to Detroit, where he stayed until the age of 10, when he returned to Ohio in order to help his grandfather on the farm.

He attended school in Pickerington, OH, until he was 17 and joined the US Air Force. Following 8 years in the Air Force, Ted went on to work for B&H Heating in Rapid City, SD.

Ted enjoyed riding motorcycles and rode in 49 states with Alaska being the exception. He was able to ride the entire parameter of the United States. It was on this trip that he ventured into Sturgis, SD for the Annual Motorcycle Rally. He fell in love with the Black Hills and in 1990 he moved to Piedmont, SD. In 1996, he met his wife, Betty, and they were married in 2001. They remained in the Black Hills until 2011, when they decided to move to New Mexico for the warmer weather.

Ted is survived by his wife, Betty, New Mexico; son, Robert Foskett (Diane), Lake Chaparral, NM; daughter, Leanne Hughes, San Diego; brother, Bill Foskett (Debra), Michigan; sister, Carol Willey (Jack); sister, Sue Anderson (Ron), Michigan; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Katherine; his parents; and his sister, Sharon.

Funeral services were held in South Dakota on March 24, 2017, with burial at the Black Hills National Cemetery.

CROP HUNGER WALK: "ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME"

CROP Hunger Walks are community fund-raising events sponsored by Church World Service (CWS). Money raised by CROP Hunger Walks nationwide is used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development for needy people around the world.

The 2017 Berkley/Royal Oak CROP walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 7, at 2:00 pm, starting from Greenfield Presbyterian Church (on Greenfield between 11 Mile road and Catalpa). Registration will begin at 1:30pm and a hot dog lunch will be provided at the finish line!



Please consider walking and supporting the Berkley/Royal Oak CROP Walk on May 7. If you are unable to walk but able to support in other ways contact Rev. Peter Moore at 248-544-1800.

For more information, visit www.crophungerwalk.org.



In need of prayer

Health/Life Concerns: Heidi Ulanowski, Kathryn Ostrolencki, Pam Sampson, Rick Kachadorian and his mother, Jack Willey, Colin Loving (grandson of Rick and Gloria Kachadorian), Leonard Hall, Lynda McChesney, Carolina Reed, Dennis Rash, Steven Sarns, Patricia Rosso, and Patricia Gebo.

Serving in the Armed Forces: Casey Allen, Brendan Schemers, Ronald Turner and Chris Collis.

Church Leaders: Bishop David A. Bard, Conference Cabinet Members, our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr., the Detroit Renaissance District, and our pastor, Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, III.

Comfort for the Family of: Ted L. Foskett



A note from Sharon Allen.....

Below you will find a letter that I am sending on behalf of my son Chuck and his wife Barb. We are trying to reach out to as many people as possible! If you have already received this info please disregard. Thank you for taking the time to read and consider! Sharon & Jerry Allen

Dear Family and Friends,

We hope that this letter finds you and your families happy and healthy. The health of our family is the reason we are reaching out to all of you at this time. Let us start by asking you a question, have you ever considered organ donation? We are sure you have either considered, already signed up to be a donor for or at least heard of organ donation. Our family has come to a place in our life, that organ donation, kidney donation to be specific, has become a life changing topic for us. Let us give you the history behind why this has become a serious issue that our family is now dealing with.

We have 4 children. Christopher is our oldest, Jeremy is 2nd in the lineup, Amanda 3rd and Kathryn is our youngest. When our youngest, Katie, was almost 2 years old, she became infected with the bacteria known as Escherichia coli, E. Coli for short, from eating a fast food hamburger that was not cooked properly. Katie became a very sick little girl. She became very lethargic, not eating and weak at home and was taken to the hospital by ambulance. During her ride to the hospital her body actually shut down completely, crashing and being revived twice! She was in critical condition and was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit. She was in a coma for about a week and stayed another 3 weeks in the ICU being diagnosed with Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome and receiving kidney dialysis. Once she was stabilized and strong enough she was then admitted to the Children's Unit and stayed about two weeks there. Then was released to go home being monitored weekly by the urologist to keep track of her kidney functions. After being monitored for awhile it became clear that Katie had approximately 30% kidney functions between both kidneys.

Through the years she had continued to see doctors regularly, taking medication and being monitored. Her kidney functions stayed stabilized until last year. Katie is now, obviously, a grown woman but she is also a wife and a mother of two beautiful young boys. Her oldest little boy is almost 6 and she gave birth to her youngest son in September of 2016. While Katie was pregnant last year, her kidney functions began to decrease which led to kidney failure. During her pregnancy she had to receive dialysis 5 days a week while pregnant and they were able to decrease it to 3 days a week after she gave birth to her son.

So as you can see we have come to the point that Katie's life would be immeasurably affected by the life giving donation of a kidney and will determine what her future holds. Some of our family and friends have already begun the process of determining if they are a match for Katie to be able to be a donor. We are now enlarging our circle of those we are reaching out to, to find a donor with a positive match for our daughter. If you are reading this letter, then you have become a part of our Potential Living Donor circle. You have the potential to become the positive match that could save our daughter's life. There are many benefits from receiving a living donation. There is a very long wait to receive, 5+ years, for a deceased donor and a kidney from a living donor lasts twice as long as a deceased donor.

This is not an easy letter for us to write and it is not easy to ask others to give such a selfless gift to someone that you may know well or even harder, someone you may not know at all. But it comes down to the fact that we are desperate for our daughter to be able to live a life that is full of quality not full of days filled with hours of dialysis and fear for what the future of her life holds. We know that if we do not reach out to others, we may not find the person who is a positive match and one who is willing to give this incredible gift to save another human's life.

We ask that you seriously consider this request, and if you feel led to become a potential donor, below you will find the information you need to begin this process. And whether or not you feel you are able to help by becoming a living donor, we would also ask that you forward this letter to your family, friends, work, school, congregation or any other communities you belong to. We would ask that you DO NOT share this information on social media. You can still make a powerful difference in Katie's life and it would be gratefully appreciated!

Thank you for taking the time to read our daughter's story and for considering joining our Potential Living Donor Circle! If you feel led to join us in this search please call Katie's donor team: Amanda or Brenda at 313-343-7470 or Sara at 313-343-8766. When calling please reference Katie as Kathryn Ostrolencki, and if there is no answer please leave a message referencing Kathryn and your phone number and they will return your call as soon as possible.

With Sincere gratitude,
Chuck and Barb Allen

-You can learn more about living donation on the National Kidney Foundation website: www.kidney.org/livingdonation



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HAZEL PARK

April 2017

AA Meetings:

Monday thru Friday at 6:30 pm; Saturday: 10:30 am & 8:00 pm; Sunday: Women Only at 6:00

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 5th Sunday in Lent Worship Service w/ Communion 11:15 AM;	3	4	5 Praise Team 6:00	6 <i>Lenten Bible Study 7:00 PM</i>	7	1 Men's Breakfast at Classic Coney 10:00 Praise Team 12:00 8 Praise Team 11:00
9 Passion/Palm Sunday 6th Sunday in Lent Worship Service 11:15 AM; Birthday Party - Stephanie Corn 2:00 PM Fellowship Hall	10 Monday of Holy Week	11 Tuesday of Holy Week	12 Wednesday of Holy Week Praise Team 6:00	13 Holy Thursday Maundy Thursday Service at St. Paul UMC Bloom- field Hills 7:00 PM	14 Good Friday	15 Holy Saturday Easter Eve Praise Team 11:00
Holy Week April 9-15						
16 Easter Day  Worship Service 11:15 AM	17	18	19 Oakland County Warning Siren Test 1:00 PM Praise Team 6:00	20	21	22 Praise Team 11:00
23 2nd Sunday of Easter Festival of God's Creation Worship Service 11:15 AM;	24	25 World Malaria Day	26 Praise Team 6:00 Community Dinner at Ferndale UMC 6:00-7:30 PM	27	28	29 Praise Team 11:00
30 3rd Sunday of Easter Native American Ministries Sunday (offering) Worship Service 11:15 AM;	Women with Faith will not meet in April. The next Women of Faith Meeting is May 10 at 5:30 PM. (pot-luck dinner) The church council will not meet in April. The next Church Council meeting is May 18 at 7:00 PM.			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> MAY 2017 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 </div>	 USHER SCHEDULE April: Jack & Carol Willey May: Janette Hartman & Flora Jones	

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday Morning Service: 11:00 AM
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Website: www.hpfirst.org



BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL:

- MICHAEL DUSSEAU - APRIL 1
- BEV HINTON - APRIL 2
- UKARI YOSHIDA - APRIL 6
- JAMES JULY - APRIL 27
- PASTOR FREDERICK SAMPSON - APRIL 29
- DARRICK GIGUERE - APRIL 30

ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL:

MICHAEL & RENEE DUSSEAU - APRIL 20